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Diary - 12 July 1963

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1. On the basis of the meeting with the NRO on 11 July - at which [] attended for the Comptroller - I called [] NRO Comptroller, to reaffirm this Agency's interest in receiving full fund authorization for NRO programs at the outset of the fiscal year or as close thereto as the appropriations of Congress will permit. I advised [] that I was fully appreciative of the desire to prevent large outflows of funds from the Treasury.

2. Accordingly, I felt that the actual issuances of the checks to cover the programs could be spreadout across the year in an even distribution. But, based on the NRO Agreement, I did not feel the funding situation - say quarterly allotments as he had proposed - should be employed by the Comptroller NRO as a device to review program decisions and levels of those NRO projects assigned to the CIA.

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3. [] indicated he would discuss the matter with [] to determine how best to do this. I explained my desire to go into this matter further here, suggested he do the same there, and that he come over for lunch one day with representatives from the Comptroller's Office to work out the details. I reiterated, however, the strong feeling of the Agency as conveyed by [] in his meeting of yesterday. [] indicated he understood the Agency position [subsequently I understood from the Deputy Comptroller, CIA, that the matter was brought up by Col. Ledford to the Director in his staff meeting of this morning, and that the Director made several observations which suggested the need to review and staff this matter out and possibly discuss it with General Carter next week. Accordingly I have asked Col. White to meet with Mr. Bross, [] and me sometime next week at his initiative.]

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